## ASSEMBLY, No. 3818

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 213th LEGISLATURE

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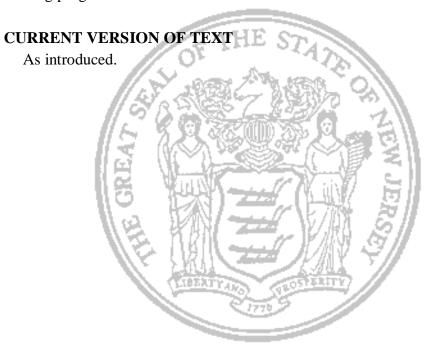
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### **SYNOPSIS**

Eliminates off trigger for additional unemployment benefits during job training program.



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1	AN ACT concerning additional unemployment benefits during job
2	training and repealing section 8 of P.L.1992, c.47.
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4	BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5	of New Jersey:
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7	1. Section 8 of P.L.1992, c.47 (C.43:21-64) is repealed.
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9	2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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12	STATEMENT
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14	This bill repeals the "off trigger" provision of the State's existing
15	program providing up to 26 weeks of additional unemployment
16	insurance (UI) benefits during training (ABT) for laid-off, displaced
17	workers who are making satisfactory progress in State-approved job
18	training programs. The current law establishing the ABT program
19	provides an off trigger to reject any new applications for ABT
20	whenever the total amount of ABT payments exceeds 2% of the
21	cumulative annual balance of the UI fund.
22	Together with other existing provisions of the State's UI law, the
23	bill meets the requirements of the federal "American Recovery and
24	Reinvestment Act of 2009" (ARRA) for the State's UI fund to

Together with other existing provisions of the State's UI law, the bill meets the requirements of the federal "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" (ARRA) for the State's UI fund to receive \$207 million in federal UI funds, which will help prevent increases in the UI taxes of New Jersey employers. New Jersey's current ABT law meets all ARRA requirements to receive those federal funds, except for the ARRA requirement that ABT programs be permanent and not have any off trigger.

Eliminating the ABT off trigger should have no practical effect on the UI fund, because the amount of ABT payments has never been high enough to trigger off the benefits and is unlikely, by estimates of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to trigger off the benefits in the foreseeable future.